



Marc Elrich, County Executive  
Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrator Officer

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Linda Moore, UCAB Chair

**October 18, 2019**

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Monday, October 21 7:00pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: A Council Perspective from Councilmember Evan Glass**

**Topic: Montgomery County's Department of Transportation**

*Guest: Emil Wolanin, Deputy Director*

**Topic: A Monorail Proposal for Traffic Congestion**

*Guest: Robert Eisinger, Promark Partners*

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

***About the Board . . .***

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) provides advice and recommendations to the County Executive, County Council, and Upcounty Regional Director on issues affecting the northern portion of the county known as the "Upcounty" or "North County" in addition to acting as a two-way communication link between the County and the community. The twenty volunteer members of UCAB are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

UCAB operates in public meetings and has two standing committees: the Land Use Committee and the Quality of Life Committee. UCAB's leadership consists of the chairperson, a first vice-chair, and a second vice-chair along with the chair of the Land Use Committee and chair of the Quality of Life Committee. Other UCAB members also provide liaison to various other County boards and committees.

The Upcounty region is defined as being roughly north and west of Shady Grove Road and it comprises about one-half of the geographic area of Montgomery County and one-third of its population. It ranges in character from urban to rural in communities such as Barnesville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Darnestown, Derwood, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac and Poolesville. To learn more about the board and their activities from last year, see their annual report at <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/Resources/Files/UCABAnnualReportFY19.pdf>

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## Montgomery County Council to Host Youth Town Hall for Students

Wednesday, October 30 7:00pm-8:30pm

Clarksburg High School Auditorium

22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg

***Doors open at 6:00pm for a pre-meeting pizza reception for students and Councilmembers in the school's cafeteria.***

***Students throughout the County are encouraged to share their views with Councilmembers and earn student service learning hours.***

The Montgomery County Council will host two youth town halls to learn more about the issues impacting young people in the County. **The first one will be at Clarksburg High School. Clarksburg has ample parking, but carpooling is encouraged.** A second town hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at Wheaton High School, 12401 Dalewood Drive in Silver Spring. The nearest Metro stop is Glenmont and the public can take the route 10 RideOn bus, which stops in front of the school. RideOn route 33 also stops in front of the school. Parking is also available.

The youth town hall and pre-meeting reception provides students with a chance to meet their local representatives and to ask questions and get information about the issues that matter to them. At the pre-meeting reception, Councilmembers will visit with students and their family members. In addition, Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's Education Committee, will announce the winner of the Councilmember for a Day challenge at the Nov. 13 town hall at Wheaton High School. Council President Nancy Navarro said that the youth town hall meetings have become learning experiences for both the Councilmembers and the students.

Montgomery County Board of Education leadership will participate in the Oct. 30 town hall at Clarksburg High School. Students also can earn student service learning (SSL) hours from MCPS for attending the youth town hall meeting.

Students from public and private schools from around the County and students from local colleges are encouraged to express their views on any aspect of their education, programs that impact students or public policy issues that impact their daily lives. They also are encouraged to ask questions of the Councilmembers. Susan Kenedy, senior producer and communications specialist for the Council, and Crystal Park, community engagement specialist, will moderate the meetings.

The meetings will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 996 on Comcast, Channel 1056 on RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. The meeting also will be streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube (FB.com/CountyCableMoco and YouTube.com/CountyCableMoCo). Students can participate via social media using #MoCoYouth.

The Council is composed of President Nancy Navarro, Vice President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass, Tom Hucker, Will Jawando, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer.

If you need more information or have questions about the meeting, call 240-777-7931.

Learn more by watching: [https://youtu.be/nT5F\\_Clwo2c](https://youtu.be/nT5F_Clwo2c)

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### Ultimate Guide to Fall Festivities in Montgomery County from Visit Montgomery

It's the time of the year when the leaves change colors, the air is crisper and pumpkin spice is everywhere. Fall is here and Visit Montgomery, MD has a run down on fall festivals in our area.

[Read More](#)

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## The Damascus Harvest Festival & Local Business Fair

Saturday, October 19 11:00am - 3:00pm

Main Street Damascus, MD between Rt 27 and Rt 124

The Damascus Harvest Festival & Local Business Fair will have something for everyone! Entertainment, food, a pumpkin patch, paint your own pumpkins, a petting zoo, fall-themed games, activities & more! WFRE 99.9 Free Country will be broadcasting LIVE from the event. It's an event for the entire family to enjoy! Come to meet local business owners at the Local Business Fair & enjoy home-made crafts by local crafters! Pick up a good deal from one of the Flea Market vendors or grab a bite to eat from one of the scrumptious food trucks! Come for fun, music & adventure! For more details, visit <http://www.DamascusHarvestFestival.com>

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## Celebrating Economic Development Week in Montgomery County

October 20 – 26

Montgomery County, in partnership with the [Maryland Economic Development Association \(MEDA\)](#), will celebrate Economic Development Week in Maryland from Sunday, October 20 through Saturday, October 26. County Executive Marc Elrich will kick off Economic Development Week at 1:00pm on Monday, October 21, at the East County Regional Services Center as he also announces the expansion of the Business Connect program to the East County regional area. [Learn more from the press release](#).

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## FY2021 Budget Forums

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich is holding the second of five budget forums on **Monday, Oct. 21**, to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at **7 p.m. at the Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center**, at 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Follow us [#MoCoBudget21](#). See the [press release](#) for more information. Video from the Oct. 7 session is available on [Facebook](#). The remaining sessions will be held:

- **Wednesday, Oct 30.** 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.
- **Thursday, Nov 7.** 7 - 8:30 p.m. - BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.
- **Wednesday, Nov 13.** 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- See the [budget forum briefing presentation](#) (pdf).

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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich has urged residents experiencing domestic violence to call and access free County services, which can promote safety, well-being, and healing. Elrich was recently joined by County Councilmember Sidney Katz, State's Attorney John McCarthy, Acting Police Chief Marcus Jones, Sheriff Darren M. Popkin, Nicole Drew, president of Commission for Women and, representatives of the Family Justice Center, the Abused Persons Program and members of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council to emphasize this message.

- See [press release](#) or [photos from the flickr album](#).

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## Montgomery County Council authorizes lawsuit against electronic cigarette manufacturers and distributors

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=23551&Dept=1](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23551&Dept=1)

For more County Council news, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/>

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

### Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)